

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) An extract obtainable by extracting a plant belonging to Umbelliferae, or a processed product thereof, with a water-containing alcohol.
2. (Original) The extract according to claim 1, wherein the plant belonging to Umbelliferae is *Angelica keiskei* koidz.
3. (Original) The extract according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the water-containing alcohol is an aqueous ethanol solution having a concentration of 40(v/v)% or more and less than 100(v/v)%.
4. (Original) A process for preparing an extract derived from a plant belonging to Umbelliferae or a processed product thereof, comprising the steps of extracting a plant belonging to Umbelliferae, or a processed product thereof, with a water-containing alcohol.
5. (Original) The process according to claim 4, wherein the plant belonging to Umbelliferae is *Angelica keiskei* koidz.
6. (Original) The process according to claim 4 or 5, wherein the water-containing alcohol is an aqueous ethanol solution having a concentration of 40(v/v)% or more and less than 100(v/v)%.
7. (Currently amended) A therapeutic agent or prophylactic agent for a disease

accompanying an abnormality in an amount of insulin or insulin response and/or diabetic complications, characterized in that the therapeutic agent or prophylactic agent comprises as an effective ingredient the extract as defined in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1.

8. (Currently amended) An agent for an insulin-mimetic action, characterized in that the agent comprises as an effective ingredient the extract as defined in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1.

9. (Currently amended) A food, beverage or feed, characterized in that the food, beverage or feed comprises the extract as defined in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1.

10. (Original) The food, beverage or feed according to claim 9, wherein the food, beverage or feed is used for treating or preventing a disease accompanying an abnormality in an amount of insulin or insulin response and/or diabetic complications.

11. (Currently amended) An agent for enhancing glucose uptake into a cell, characterized in that the agent comprises as an effective ingredient the extract as defined in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1.

12. (Currently amended) An agent for inducing differentiation into an adipocyte, characterized in that the agent comprises as an effective ingredient the extract as defined in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1.

13. (Currently amended) An inhibitory agent for aldose reductase, characterized in that the agent comprises as an effective ingredient the extract as defined in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1.